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Forest lands for landless poor.

* 2155 *Q.*—SRI D. DASARATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of lands of Moranam forest allowed for cultivation by the landless poor in the North Arcot district at present; and

(*b*) whether pattas have been issued for the present occupants of the land?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (*a*) No land of Moranam disafforested area has been allowed for cultivation by the landless poor at present.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI D. DASARATHAN :—" சுமார் ஐந்து, ஆறு வருஷங்களாக அதே நிலத்தை பல ஜனங்கள் உழுது பயிரிட்டுக்கொண்டு வருகிறார்கள். கவர்ன்மெண்டும், மாடுகள் வாங்குவதற்கும், கிணறுகள் தோண்டுவதற்கும் பணம் கொடுத்து உதவி செய்துகொண்டு வருகிறது. ஆனால் அவர்களுக்கு இன்னும் பட்டா கொடுக்கப்படவில்லை. அவர்கள் உற்சாகத்துடன் பயிற்செய்வதற்கும், பயிர்களைக் காப்பாற்றுவதற்கு தூண்டுவதற்கும் கூடிய சீக்கிரம் அவர்களுக்குப் பட்டா கொடுக்க சர்க்கார் ஏற்பாடு செய்யுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" நான் அந்த இடத்தை கொஞ்ச நாட்களுக்கு முன் பார்வையிட்டேன். அங்கு ஒரு காலனி ஏற்பட்டு விவசாயிகள் பயிர் செய்து வருகிறார்கள். இன்னும் அவர்கள் அதிகப்படியான பயிர் செய்வதற்காக கவர்ன்மெண்டார் தக்க நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துக்கொண்டு வருகிறார்கள். மேலும் அங்கு கிணறுகள் வெட்ட உத்தேசமிருக்கிறது. ஆகையால் அங்கே எல்லாம் சரிவர நடந்து கொண்டிருக்கிறது. கனம் அங்கத்தினரும் அவ்விடத்திற்கு அடிக்கடி போய்ப் பார்த்து விவசாயிகளை . உற்சாகப் படுத்த வேணுமாய் கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்."

SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM :—" Is there not a scheme for digging big wells in that area for irrigating a big plot of 50 to 100 acres of land to be cultivated on a co-operative basis? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" I have already answered it. Evidently the hon. Member does not know Tamil." (Laughter.)

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" Sir, a vast extent of forest lands stretching from Moranam right up to 10 or 15 miles are now cleared and are available for assignment to landless poor Harijans. So, will the Government be pleased to see that they are given some lands out of this vast extent of lands? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Yes, Sir, that is the idea of the Government and they are taking steps in that direction."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" Clause (*b*) of the question is, whether pattas have been issued for the present occupants of the

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land. May I know whether the Government have got a list of the persons who have encroached upon the land and when are the Government contemplating to give pattas to the persons who are cultivating the lands as there is a fear that after the lands are improved, the persons who have improved them are liable to be evicted? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" I have already stated that pattas have not been given and there is also no encroachment. The people who are cultivating there are doing so by permission. Now the Government are forming co-operative colonies so that the landless poor can be rehabilitated there."

* 2156 *Q.*—THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, Question Nos. 2156 and 2157 may be taken up together. I shall read first the answer to Question No. 2157."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" Yes, they may be taken up together."

Death of a person in Police custody at Gudiyatham.

* 2157 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Sri Arumugam, the brother of the village karnam of Seevoor, Gudiyatham, died in the Gudiyatham Town Police Station on 27th February 1955 as a result of beating by the Police;

(*b*) if so, whether any inquiry was conducted by Judicial Officers about this;

(*c*) if so, with what result; and

(*d*) whether the Government will be pleased to place the report on the inquiry on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) It is a fact that on 27th February 1955 a resident of Sedukkarai, named Arumugam died at Gudiyattam Police station but it is not true to say that he died as a result of his having been beaten by the police.

" (*b*) The Sub-Collector, Tiruppattur, enquired into the matter.

" (*c*) The enquiry has revealed that death was due to poisoning. The matter is under further investigation.

" (*d*) The question of placing the Sub-Collector's report on the table of the House can be considered only after the investigation referred to in clause (*c*) is completed."